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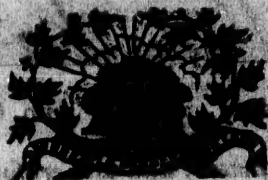
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KNIGHTS OF TEMPERANCE,

ENCAMPMENT No. 6

This is to Certify, that Companion Alex
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was on the 6 day of May

A. D., 1853 duly admitted into Companionship
with this Encampment, and is therefore entitled to be
received as such at all other regular Encampments,
and by the Knights of the Order, he possessing the
other requisites.

Given under our hands, and the Seal of the
said Encampment, this 6 day of

May 1853

Wm. Hall K. Cr.

John Innes K. Rt.

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INTRODUCTION.

"AS USEFULNESS to our fellow men is one of the great ends of our being, it behoves every one to contribute his share to the general good of mankind. For the better opportunity of putting wisely into operation each individual's power of doing good, this Order has been instituted ; and it needs only to be more widely disseminated to hold in its ranks the wisest and best men of our country."

In the formation of a new Order, it will naturally be expected that an explanation be made of the motives which induced us to take such a step, as also what objects we have in view, and the means by which we intend to accomplish our ends.

Without assuming to ourselves a character for superlative excellence, we pledge ourselves to the cause of Total Abstinence from intoxicating beverages, as well as to array ourselves against their attendant vices ; to assist such worthy Companions in sickness and distress as are faithful to the pledge, and to make that assistance the especial subject for our united and individual consideration,—making the modes of doing so optional with each Encampment ; to conduct our internal affairs in private, believing that they can be better managed in that way than by exposing them to the criticism of those who have no sympathy in the cause we espouse ; but holding at convenient periods public meetings

for propagating our principles, and believing such Institutions need no further authority or charter for their foundation than the good we hope to achieve, and the evils which have called them forth.

The effort is native in its conception, and has been made with the view of inducing all *our countrymen*, as well denizens as natives, both rich and poor, of all ages, to avail themselves of the opportunity of participating in its aims as well as its benefits.

The friends of Total Abstinence are daily increasing in all parts of the globe : their principles have carried too firm a conviction to the minds of thousands to require any apology for a desire to increase its votaries. The evils of Intemperance are too well known, and their devastations have been too widely spread to demand reasons for almost any combination to suppress them.

Many persons who wished well for the cause of total abstinence were convinced that outward display and parading ensures only ephemeral success, and that certain and lasting results might be more safely reckoned upon by a secret combination, conducted in a quiet way, and by precept and example, firmly, but mildly, to resist and discountenance all temptation and intemperance.

The KNIGHTS do not, therefore, anticipate an immediate increase of members, (although past success, in point of numbers, has surpassed all expectations,) but they look upon the amount of good to be done by their organization as incalculable : they conceive, with all due deference to the opinions

and practices of older Associations, they do not detract from the common good they have in view by setting to work and accomplishing their objects in *their own way*, that conviction often follows the same argument if applied in a different manner, and that upon some minds a good result may often be arrived at by one mode of moral treatment upon which another would prove an entire failure.

In giving all due praise to other Societies for the good they have accomplished, we entertain great hopes of strengthening their hands by enlisting in our ranks hundreds of those who have not yet, and possibly never would have taken the pledge but for our Association.

Our title is rather belligerent in the idea it conveys, but it must be remembered that all men who set their faces against the follies or vices of their fellows must enter upon a species of warfare, and fight the enemies of their Order as good soldiers; not, however, in wielding deadly weapons, and destroying their enemies, but by endeavouring to vanquish them with the weapons of Truth, Sobriety and Reason. So that whatever idea the term "KNIGHT" may convey, in applying it to our Association, it must be always considered with its qualifying term, "Temperance," and with the principles inculcated and objects aimed at, as set forth in the Pledge, Constitution and Laws of the Order.

D. J. HUGHES, G. Kt. Rt.

CHARLES ASKEW, G. V. Kt. Rt.

DUNCAN CULBERT, G. Kt. Rr.

ALEX. S. ABBOTT, Gr. Kt. Tr.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Order shall be called "THE KNIGHTS OF TEMPERANCE," whose objects shall be : 1st. To further the cause of Total Abstinence from the use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors—to suppress tippling and drunkenness, irreligion and immorality, and to enjoin temperance, in its most extended signification, upon all mankind ; 2ndly. To assist all worthy Companions in sickness or distress, if they be faithful to the Order.

ARTICLE II.—The Order shall be governed by a Grand Encampment, consisting of all the past K. Crs. of the Order ; and the said Grand Encampment only shall have power to enact, alter, amend, or add to the General Laws of the Order, and they shall exercise the like powers for their own government ; and all Knights in good standing shall have a right of admittance to the Assemblies of the Grand Encampment on furnishing the Q. P. W., but they shall neither speak nor vote thereat.

ARTICLE III.—The Grand Encampment shall meet on the last Thursday in May, in each year, and at its Annual Meeting, after the disposal of all the other business, elect four principal officers, (being P. K. Crs.) viz. : a G. K. R't., a G. V. K. R't., a G. K. R'r., and a G. K. Tr., for the ensuing year, and immediately after the election of those officers appoint a BOARD OF FIVE DIRECTORS, out of the P. K. Crs. who reside in the neighborhood of those officers, who shall meet the said chief Officers, at least monthly, and assist them with their counsel and advice, in hearing and deciding appeals, granting charters to new Encampments,

and transacting all routine business that may be brought before them.

ARTICLE IV.—The Grand Encampment may at pleasure grant P. K't. Cr's. Diplomas to any Knights of the Order who shall have distinguished themselves, or may be in a position to distinguish themselves in the temperance cause.

ARTICLE V.—Every Encampment shall be governed by a K. Cr., K. R't., V. K. R't., K. C'n., K. Tr., K. R'r., K. O't., K. Fr., K. M., S. K. M., K. J'r., and four Lts., who shall be elected or appointed for three months.

ARTICLE VI.—No person shall be admitted into the Order under 16 years of age, nor for a less fee than 5s. currency, nor any person whose mode of living or occupation shall be inconsistent with the pledge required of him, nor unless there be an unanimous ballot favorable to his admission.

ARTICLE VII.—In balloting for candidates, should there be but one dissentient vote, the dissentient K't. shall be called upon to state his objections; and after those objections are stated, the ballot shall be renewed, but such dissentient K't. shall not be allowed to vote in the second ballot. Should there be still one dissentient vote, the candidate shall not be admitted, and a vote that has resulted in a rejection or admission shall not be re-considered the same evening.

ARTICLE VIII.—Any Knight may propose a candidate for membership, but it is enjoined on all that they shall not from any motive of favor, affection or interest whatever, propose any person who they have reason to believe will not make useful and respectable members of the Order.

ARTICLE IX.—All applications for membership must be in writing, stating the age, residence, and occupation of the applicant, and recommended by two Knights of the Order, enclosing the required

fee ; if elected, he shall hold himself in readiness at any time within six weeks after his election ; otherwise the money shall be forfeited to the Encampment ; but in case the applicant shall be rejected, the fee shall be returned to him by one of the recommending Knights.

ARTICLE X.—All Knights of the Order shall sign the Constitution and pledge, which shall be kept in a book by the Knight R'r. for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI.—Every Encampment shall have power to regulate its financial and internal affairs in such a manner as the majority shall deem expedient ; provided such regulations do not interfere with the Constitution or Pledge, or General Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XII.—All Encampments of the Order shall have power to pass such By-Laws and Rules of Order as they may choose, which are not inconsistent with the Constitution and General Laws, and the principles contained in the Pledge and Charge, and to rescind, alter or amend the same at pleasure, but that a copy of all such By-Laws shall be deposited with the G. K. R'r.

ARTICLE XIII.—Any Encampment of the Order may, if a majority think fit, form a Benefit Association on a more extended scale than was contemplated by the By-Laws of the first Encampment.

ARTICLE XIV.—Any twelve persons who shall apply in writing to the Grand Encampment for a Charter may procure the same by paying a fee of £1 currency, and all reasonable expenses incurred by an Officer in installing their Encampment : provided such persons are either Knights of Temperance, or are competent persons for initiation, according to the Constitution and principles of the Order.

ARTICLE XV.—The Assemblies of every Encampment shall always be opened by reading the

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GENERAL LAWS.

1st.—The K. Cr. shall see the Constitution and Laws maintained, hear and decide all questions of Order which may be appealed to him from the K. Rt., or shall in his discretion refer the same to a vote of the whole Encampment, which shall in all cases be final; he shall take no part in or during a debate, but may vote when a vote is taken; he shall deliver the charge to all members at initiation, and assist and advise the K. Rt. in all matters concerning the well being and government of the Encampment and of the Order generally.

2nd. The K. Rt. shall preside at all meetings, and conduct the active business of the Encampment—uphold the Constitution and Laws—preserve decorum—decide all questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the K. Cr.—inspect all ballots for candidates for membership, and report thereon to the Encampment; he shall submit all subjects for discussion, (taking no part in the debates until the close, when he may express his opinion thereon,) and in a case of an equality, give the casting vote; he shall sign all orders on the K. Tr., for the payment of such sums of money as may be ordered or voted by the Encampment, and such certificates or documents as require his signature to authenticate

them, and appoint his own Lieutenants ; he shall also call special meetings of the Encampment when requisite or required in writing to do so by six of the members thereof.

3rd.—The V. K. Rt. shall assist the K. Rt., appoint his own Lieutenants, preside at all meetings, and discharge the duties of K. Rt. during his absence or illness, and perform such other services as are enjoined by the Constitution and regulations of the Order, and By-Laws of the Encampment.

4th.—The K. Cn. shall open and close all assemblies of the Encampment, and take the K. Cr.'s chair in his absence, if there be no P. K. Cr. present.

5th.—The K. Rr. shall keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the Encampment—make out and furnish Quarterly Reports, and perform such other duties as may be enjoined on him by the Constitution or Laws, and deliver all books, papers and keys belonging to his office to his successor.

6th.—The K. Ct. shall write all communications and notices—notify meetings when ordered by the K. Rt., and assist the K. Rr. in the discharge of his duties.

7th.—The K. Fr. shall keep a Debit and Credit account with the K. Tr., receive all monies due the Encampment, and pay the same to the K. Tr., taking his receipt for the same, and sign all orders on the K. Tr.

8th.—The K. Tr. shall receive from the K. Fr. all monies for the use of the Encampment, and give his receipt therefor ; pay all orders drawn on him by the K. Rt. and K. Fr. attested by the K. Rr. ; he shall attend the Committee of Accounts on finance, with his books and vouchers ; he shall, when legally required, deliver all monies, books and papers of the Encampment in his hands, to his successor in office ; he shall have his account-book of the Encampment at every meeting, posted up and open for

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the inspection of the Companions present, and make statements of his accounts to the Encampment when required.

9th.—The K. M. shall take the ballot in the voting for candidates, and submit it to the inspection of the K. Rt.—introduce all persons for initiation who have been duly elected—examine all visiting Knights of the Order, and by and with the aid of the S. K. M. examine all persons present at the opening of the Assemblies, see that none are present but Knights of the Order, and take care that order and harmony are duly observed, and that all Knights enter the Assemblies in due form before taking their seats.

10th.—The S. K. M. shall assist the K. M. in discharging the duties of his office,—take his place during his absence, and perform such services as the K. Rt. may require of him.

11th.—The K. Jr. shall attend the door, keeping off all intruders ; permitting none to enter without the E. P. W., or by leave from the K. Rt. ; pass all candidates for initiation, and suffer no Kt. to leave the Assembly without liberty from the K. Rt.

12th.—The Lts. shall act as the supporters of the K. Rt. and V. K. Rt. respectively, and perform such duties for them within the Encampment as they shall require.

13th.—A Managing Committee of nine shall be appointed every quarter, (of which the K. Rr., K. Ct. and the K. Fr. shall be *ex officio* members,) whose duty it shall be to make all internal arrangements of the Encampments, to examine all accounts, investigate all characters proposed for initiation, and complaints preferred, and to report their proceedings at every regular Assembly, and to perform such other duties as may be enjoined. Three of the said Committee to form a quorum, and in case three are not present, fines shall be recorded against

absent members. General meetings of the Committee shall be fixed by a By-Law of each Encampment.

14th.—A Visiting Committee shall be appointed at every quarterly Assembly, and remain in office three months, to visit sick Companions; each to visit the sick on a separate day, and at least once a week, or be subject to a fine of one shilling and threepence for each default.

15th.—All bills to be brought before an Encampment shall be first submitted to, and approved by, the Managing Committee; and no such bills shall be read or discharged, excepting at an ordinary Assembly of such Encampment, during the regular business thereof. •

16th.—The Officers of each Encampment shall be selected every three months. The past K. Rt. shall take the K. Cr.'s station; the past V. K. Rt. shall take the Knight Rt.'s station; and all the other Officers, excepting the Lts., shall be appointed by a majority of those present at the quarterly Assembly of the Encampment, who are not in default of their duties, but the Lts. shall be appointed by the Officers whom they respectively support, and no one shall be competent for the office of V. K. Rt. who has not faithfully served in some minor office for the previous three months.

17th.—All Assemblies shall be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a majority of the Encampment, or settled by By-Law for that purpose; but in no case shall they be held at an hotel or tavern, where intoxicating liquors are sold, unless necessity requires it; nor shall Special Assemblies take place without due notice being given.

18th.—The application of every person for Companionship shall be referred to the Managing Committee for investigation, who shall report at the next regular Assembly, and the candidate shall be then ballotted for, unless in cases of emergency, or

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19th.—Any Knight who shall misbehave in the Encampment, or break the pledge, or refuse to obey the presiding officer, betray or divulge any of the secrets of the Order, or be guilty of immoral conduct, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, be fined, suspended or expelled, at the option of the Encampment; and it shall be the duty of any Kt., on his receiving reliable information of any such breach of duty, to report the same to the Encampment or the Managing Committee for investigation. Any Kt. who shall wantonly persist in disturbing the peace and harmony of the Encampment, or refuse to obey the presiding officer after being twice called to order, shall leave the Assembly for the evening.

20th.—Whenever a Kt. shall offend against the next preceding article of these Laws, the charges against him shall be presented in writing and read in open Assembly, and referred to a Committee of six Knights, three of whom shall be appointed by the Kt. Rt., and three by the accused, if he be present; and if not, they shall be appointed by the Kt. Cr., and it shall be their duty, at a time and place when the accused shall be duly notified to appear, first to appoint a Chairman, and then fairly and impartially to investigate the circumstances of the case, and report to the Encampment, who shall finally dispose thereof; but the name of a candidate or Kt. constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be made known in any other manner than to other Encampments, unless he has been guilty of some disgraceful conduct or crime beyond violating the principles of the Order.

21st.—If any Kt. of the Order shall prefer a charge against a Companion, and the same shall be

proven false, malicious, and unfounded, he shall suffer such penalty by fine, reprimand or expulsion, as the Encampment may determine.

22nd.—It shall be the duty of the K. Rt., at the time of his taking office, to appoint a committee of three to audit and examine the books and accounts of the K. Tr. and K. Fr. for the past quarter, who shall report to the Encampment at the next assembly. The K. Tr. and K. Fr. shall have the books and accounts posted up, and shall attend the said committee with the same at such time and place as they may require, and the newly elected K. Tr. and K. Fr. shall attend the said audit and examination for information.

23rd.—The ordinary Assemblies of Encampments shall be held at such times and places as they shall fix, but not seldomer than once a fortnight, of which they shall notify the G. K. Rr. ; and they shall not make changes in this respect without such notice : but any meeting may be open to the public for the purpose of disseminating and explaining the principles of the Order, during which none of the usual business shall be transacted ; and the K. Rt. may appoint a Committee of three Knights to prepare subjects and appoint persons to sustain the objects of the public assemblies.

24th.—No Companion shall be permitted to speak more than once upon the same subject, nor longer than ten minutes (unless to explain), without permission from the K. Rt. The Companion speaking shall always stand up and address the K. Rt. or presiding officer with due respect, and avoid all personal remarks and indecorous language ; and if called to order, shall wait until the question of order be decided and permission given by the K. Rt. to proceed.

25th.—Every Kt. who shall accept an appointment to serve on a committee or other office, and does

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not attend to his duties therein, shall pay a fine of 1s. 3d. for each neglect, unless a reasonable excuse be offered to the Encampment and by it accepted.

26th.—No elected officer of an Encampment shall leave his post under any pretence whatever (unless necessity or duty requires) without especial permission of the officer presiding, or furnishing a capable substitute to act in his absence, under a penalty of 1s. 3d., or such other punishment as the Encampment may think proper to inflict. Any Companion having a knowledge of a violation of this Article must report the same immediately to the K. Rt. or be subject to a like fine.

27th.—Should any elected officer not attend to his duties for three successive ordinary assemblies of his Encampment, or have left the town or place where its meetings are held, such office shall be declared vacated, and the Encampment shall elect or appoint another Companion to fill such vacated office on the fourth night, unless some cause or reason shall appear whereby it may be deemed reasonable or expedient to postpone or forbear declaring such office vacated.

28th.—The K. Rt., V. K. Rt., K. Rr. and K. Tr., immediately on their installation into office, shall post up their names and places of residence in some conspicuous place, so as to enable any Companion, on an emergency, to find the said officers, or be fined for neglect, 7½d. each officer, for each week.

29th.—On the death of any Companion of the Order, the K. Rt. shall summon a general assembly of the Encampment to appear at the usual place for holding the assemblies, in mourning, and to proceed from thence at the proper hour to attend the funeral. Every Companion shall appear in mourning, and wear over his left breast a piece of black crape, tied in two bows and two ends.

30th.—It shall be the duty of every Encampment, every three months, to make out and furnish to the G. Kt. Rr. a Return duly attested by the Kt. Rt., shewing the number of Companions admitted into, expelled or suspended from Membership, and the amount of Cash received and paid out since the last Return for the Encampment, according to a form to be furnished by the Board of Directors, and failing to render the same, such Encampments shall not be entitled to the Quarterly P. W. until they comply with this Law.

31st.—The Board of Directors shall furnish to each Encampment a Seal—to be as uniform as possible—at cost price.

32nd.—All Communications passing from or to the Grand Encampment or Board of Directors shall be paid by the Encampment despatching or receiving the same.

33rd.—If any Knight shall think himself aggrieved by the decision, expulsion or suspension of a subordinate Encampment, he may appeal therefrom to the Chief Officers and Board of Directors of the Order, who shall investigate the matter of such appeal, and finally decide thereupon, subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment.

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FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth :

THAT your Petitioners having an interest in the cause of TOTAL ABSTINENCE, and desiring to unite by their best efforts with your endeavors to spread its precepts and example, and being willing to conform to all Pledges, Laws and Regulations of the Order, do hereby pray a Charter to be granted to them to open a new Encampment at _____ to be called _____

Encampment.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR COMPANIONSHIP.

To the Kt. Rt. and Knights of ENCAMPMENT No. _____ of the Knights of Temperance.

The Application of the Subscriber respectfully sheweth that he is desirous of becoming a Knight of your benevolent and honorable Order. He has examined your Constitution and Laws, and is ready and willing to yield obedience thereto.

His age is _____ years, his occupation
his residence is _____

[Signed,]

Recommended by

A_____. B_____.

C_____. D_____.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 185 .

